

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael E. LaSalle

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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Fabricating, Handling and
Transporting Elongate Bags of Material

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §41.33(b)

This is an amendment pursuant to 37 CFR §41.33(b) filed on or after the filing of an appeal brief. This amendment should be entered as it is proper under 37 CFR §41.33(b) because it cancels claims and rewrites dependent claims into independent form. No claims have been added, and no extension fee is required. If any additional fee is due at this time, please charge the additional fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.